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I love thine inland seas, thy groves and trees,
Thy rolling plains;
Thy rivers' mighty sweep, thy mystic canyons deep,
All thy domain;
Thy silver Eastern strands, thy Golden Gate that stands
Wide to the West;
Thy flowery Southland fair, thy sweet and crystal air;
O, land beyond compare,
Thee I love best!

—Henry van Dyke.

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## *MEDITATION*

"Infinite Creator of all life and of love, it is the common petition of our heart that we might vision an understanding to more deeply appreciate the environment in which Thou hast placed us. Might we see more clearly every manifestation of Nature, might we be more highly and deeply sympathetic to all cruelty and injustice. Might we be constantly seeking for beauty and might we be an inspiration and a help that others might seek and see and find. And so, whether the day be dark and gloomy or bright and beautiful, might we see through the gloom that even in the darkness there is beauty. Might we glory in every living thing and be so tender-hearted that we shall not even crush a little helpless flower, that everything which throbs with life might feel safe when we are about.

Help us to be so considerate with a depth of kindness and love that every breathing, living thing might call us friend and in this way we can echo the prayer of this one Heart who loved earth and flowers and sea and lakes and mountain and star and little children and who found strength for his soul in the quiet of eventide. And may the familiar words from the depth of his heart be the words which we will not merely repeat with our lips, but which will be revealed in the loveliness of our lives:

'Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And leave us not in temptation
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever and ever,
Amen!' "

## *"JOHN BURROUGHS—A TRIBUTE"*

**Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago. May 2, 1937.**

"I never saw John Burroughs, but I think that I have read most every line which he ever wrote, and that, in itself, is quite a task when we remember the tremendous amount of work which John Burroughs did in the field of literature, and when we also remember that Mr. Burroughs did not dictate nor did he use a typewriter, but he did practically his entire literary output in the strenuous task of writing it out with pencil and paper.

This is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Burroughs. America is growing up and it is well that we pause for a few moments this morning, quietly and reverently, while we seek an appraisal, inadequate, admittedly, but while we seek an appraisal that will give those who may never have read a line of John Burroughs and who may know very little about him, something of the contribution which he has made to an appreciation

of Nature and in the field of interpretation has developed a philosophical concept which people who think rationally and heroically upon the problems of religion will find most satisfying and most inspiring.

John Burroughs was born on the 3rd day of April, 1837, on a farm in Roxbury, New York. For many generations his family had been farmers. He was the son of a farmer, and his father was the son of a farmer and John Burroughs was a farmer boy, and except for a short time when he was in school, and except when he was employed as a government clerk in Washington, and a brief time in which he was employed as a bank examiner for the State of New York, John Burroughs spent his entire life on the farm.

Very early he purchased 18 acres of land there on the Hudson, and these 18 acres he planted to grapes, and he found the joy of life in physical, manual labor connected with the earth, and the happiness of life in his observation and love of all out-of-doors. His literary career is one which must not be avoided by anyone who desires knowledge and understanding of the American literary tradition, for his name is one to be conjured with in American letters, and among all the Nature writers which this continent has produced there are individual brilliancies about the work of John Burroughs which places him definitely in a place all by himself. We have had this distinguished naturalist, Audubon, we have had Thoreau, we have had the philosopher-poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, we have had John Muir and we have had Walt Whitman, but among all this galaxy of American writers, John Burroughs occupies a peculiar and a distinctive position.

Mr. Burroughs wrote his first article for the Atlantic Monthly and it was published in 1860. It attracted the attention of Emerson, and later in his life Mr. Burroughs was to meet Emerson on an occasion in Washington, but it also attracted the attention of the good, great poet Walt Whitman, and to the everlasting credit of John Burroughs, Walt Whitman was one of the few literary men of the period, including Mr. Emerson, who recognized the genius of Burroughs, and in the face of great opposition and criticism, became the friend of Walt Whitman.

This article in the Atlantic Monthly published in 1860 had a very unusual title and one which I think quite definitely reveals the real attitude and the real motivation of the entire life of John Burroughs. That article was entitled 'Expression' and if you desire to read that which will give you a clue to the entire career of John Burroughs as a poet, as a naturalist, which he never excelled in a scientific sense, as an essayist, as a philosopher, as a friend, that first article is the index of his later development and achievement.

For sixty-one years, think of it, for sixty-one years after the publication of this first article in 1860, John Burroughs continued to write and continued to work until at his passing he had enriched American literature, particularly in the field of the essay, with 25 books, 25 books which he saw through the press, the last one 'Accepting the Universe' from which I read the opening lesson of the morning, and two books have since come from the publishers which were published posthumously and after he had passed from the scene of action. But every one of these books constitutes such a basic element in what I call the real spiritual culture of an individual, a real basic culture, that if you could find time in the midst of the hurly-burly activity, so much of which is meaningless, so much of which is so utterly exhaustive, so much of which is so completely futile, so much of which gets you nowhere, leads nowhere, produces no satisfaction, creates no endur-

ing qualities for an individual immersed with tyranny of the temporary, with haste and speed and noise and confusion and anxiety, and you want to find an inspiration that will lead you into the quiet places and help create finally a sense of poise and proper adjustment and balance of your life, find time for John Burroughs! He has an antidote for that which crushes and destroys and demolishes, for John Burroughs segregated himself, not from the seething marts of activity, old John loved humanity, he loved humanity as much as he loved the out-of-doors, and every true lover of the out-of-doors does. It is not particularly a mark of one's love of the out-of-doors that one is a hermit; it does not necessarily follow that because one loves the open spaces, loves the unblemished art of angling and loves to hike and all the associations of Nature that one is any such, quiet the contrary, we develop an understanding of our social realities much better in the perspective of the out-of-doors than we do in the artificial creations under which most of us live. We begin to see the value of humanity on the basis of actuality and reality and not on the basis of artificial and superficial values. We begin to understand the real worthwhile of human life when we know human life related to all life, just as a child who is given the privilege of having pets, to have a dog, or a fish, or animals about , or is given a little plant as his own special care to water and to nuture, or is given something that is alive and made responsible for it. Just as that child will grow up into a society with a finer understanding of the values of all life because the child has known the love of some form of life, so the one who loves the uncontaminated and unpolluted out-of-doors will come back into the activities of men, the toiling, sweating, sinning, dying world and will come back to that world with a deeper understanding of what is necessary to make it more inhabitable in the highest and truest sense than he would to base his opinions or to formulate his impressions entirely by the things which man has made. That is the value of the philosophy of John Burroughs.

I have two sets of his complete works. One I keep in my study at home in the city, the other is in a one-room study under a pine tree on a little island in the Superior National Forest, and all winter long in the activities of my winter life there is many a night when I have read myself to sleep in the quiet environment and in the inspiration and in the restfulness of John Burroughs.

While John Burroughs was intensely active in his literary efforts, he labored with his hands in his little vineyard, he loved to gather the cobblestones, which he did, to build his fireplace there at his home, also its slab-sided lodge and these little places which he built for himself in which to work and do his writing there by the Hudson. He loved labor, he loved the exhilaration which came from actual expenditure of energy in work, physical work. John Burroughs never rode if he could walk, and what an indictment that is against some of you people who are ruining your bodies and creating for yourselves future trouble because you cannot walk a block in the city without going out and getting into an automobile! You are losing the very buoyancy of the body, the very brilliancy of it, the thrill of leaping, healthful, strong, beautiful bodies because you are degenerating physically under the tyranny of comfort which John Burroughs never knew. That simple food, simple exercise, simple reading, a simplicity so genuine that it was great strength, and true simplicity is always strong, a simplicity of living, simplicity of thinking, elemental contacts in the field of exercising, walking, swimming, riding, these things stretch the body, send the blood

leaping through the veins and arteries, John Burroughs developed the sanity in his philosophy which you need and which I need and which all of us need who live the artificial life that most of us live—denatured food, artificality everywhere, artificial light until it is doing something to our eyes and almost every person you meet is wearing glasses! Artificiality of our souls until we are getting such false values that life becomes increasingly insignificant and murder and suicide come so easy as the answer. Life cursed by civilization, John Burroughs stands in protest against such a smashing up! John Burroughs stands and hurls his intensely masculine cry to our decadent civilization! He saw it coming, he prophesied it, he saw how foggy and hazy was our thinking in some of the greatest values of life and prophesied it, and there, up there, with his clean vineyard on his eighteen acres of earth, there with his comrades the woodchuck, the rabbits, the robins and the tall trees and the grapevines, for John Burroughs was not spectacular, neither was he dramatic in his love of Nature, he was not the kind of man who would go to Africa and perched upon an elephant or riding in an automobile kill wild game and call it a great adventure, he never killed for the joy of killing, he had a sacred sense of value and as he grew to this fine old man that he became, with his brain clear, his blood pure, his sense of balance and poise, his simplicity, all who love beautiful things do him honor.

There are two things about his writing that I just suggest. First is this, John Burroughs always impressed me as first being certain of his facts, and in that he was a true scientist, a true naturalist. He was always certain of his facts, and of course that is necessary if any naturalist is to possess value. He was not a nature fakir and he saw through the lenses of reality and he was first concerned with his facts. Theodore Roosevelt respected that in him and became his life-long friend, and in their camping trips and also trips with John Muir and Harvey Firestone and Thomas Edison and with Henry Ford, for the four of them took their holidays together, John Burroughs first was sure of his facts, he did not permit his enthusiasms to introduce an imagination into a fact, he wanted to know what it was, and there is almost a uniformity of recognition on the part of those who are much better scientists and naturalists that Mr. Burroughs definitely followed that procedure.

Secondly, he strove with positive toil to find the word and the phrase of such utter simplicity that it would convey accurately the thought which was in his mind, and, of course, that makes for a great style in literature. John Burroughs did possess, definitely, an interesting style of literature and some of the literary critics, in writing of him have referred to him as 'the writer who wrote in his shirt sleeves,' and I don't know of any characterization which can more accurately characterize John Burroughs than that somewhat homely criticism that 'John Burroughs was a writer who wrote in his shirt sleeves.'

He lived to create many beautiful friendships as life deepened and to give us many interesting and valuable books. The last year of his life was one of his most interesting, for it was preceded by a birthday commemoration in the city of New York, which gave him a great deal of happiness and joy, but he was never effulgent or expressive, he was never demonstrative, and his friends knew him only when they knew him well. There was no superficial judgments of his character that were at all competent to accurately describe him, but at that birthday dinner for John Burroughs there were many friends of the assayist and philosopher of

the out-of-doors from all over this continent and at that dinner John Burroughs gave, in one sentence, the crystallization of the achievement of his life and what the out-of-doors can do for an individual when it is given an opportunity. I think it was Henry Van Dyke who was presiding at the dinner. I was just reading the book by the son of the late Henry Van Dyke, on the life of his father, which he has just given me, and I searched the volume carefully to see if any reference had been made of this dinner for John Burroughs, I could not find it, but we know what took place. Burroughs never cared very much about public speaking, and in that, I suppose, revealed his good sense. He used to go up to Vassar and talk to the students occasionally and to the students of high schools about the country, he delivered several addresses in Chicago, but public speaking was not his forte and he was not happy in it. He accepted the invitation to his birthday dinner with the understanding that he would not have to make a speech. There was plenty of talk, and telegrams poured in from all over the country. John had come down from upstate and he wore what looked like homespun clothes, a flannel shirt, and his hair was blown and his hair and whiskers looked like a fog about his head and he felt out of place in one of the finest hotels in New York City and probably very much ill at ease, but he endured it and after the felicitations had all been extended the Chairman said to Mr. Burroughs that the evening would not be a success without a word from him in whose honor they had assembled, and finally they prevailed upon Mr. Burroughs to make a speech, such as it was. Mr. Burroughs arose—he was then so near all reality that it seems as though he had been touched by the wand of the eternal reality, for he clustered the significance of a great life in one sentence. 'My friends, today is my 84th birthday and if I could, I would live every one of these years over again.'

Ladies and gentlemen, you who are buffeted with life and finding it hard in the midst of this confused, chaotic, tremulous, nervous world, become a friend of John Burroughs and find a way out! 'If I could, I would live every one of these years over again!' That's a clean soul talking, a man washed by the rains and made pure by moonlight, a man who had loved the little denizens of the pasture and the wood lot, the man who was the friend of woodchucks and chipmonks, a man who knew the space in which the stars find their orbits, a man untouched by the froth of our modern society, a man who knew not a sinple art of hypocrisy, real, genuine, simple, and contrast the conclusion of the life of John Burroughs with what you are seeing about you from your daily press! Leaping out of windows, shooting themselves, youth killing itself! Contrast that statement of Burroughs with that little girl of 19 who, only his past week, rouged, painted and artificially inspired by the froth of our modern world, pens a note at 19, and they found her breast torn by a bullet from a little pearl-handled revolver which she carried, those glands of her breast that Nature had designed to be the milk glands of motherhood—19! She left a note which said: 'I cannot stand it any longer! I have seen all there is to see of life, it is nothing, it is empty, it is a shell.' At 19! John Burroughs at 84 wanting to live life all over again, and you get what the out-of-doors will do for America in re-establishing the character in manhood and womanhood!

And on that last winter in which he lived, the tired old body was becoming more tired every day and finally his friend, Mr. Henry Ford, sent word to him that he would like to send him to California to escape the severity

of the upstate northern winter and he left for Los Angeles, but he grew increasingly tired, he was now 84, he had written and worked and loved this earth and he did not want to think of leaving it so far from his own home, so he boarded a train to go home for he wanted to get home on his birthday, the 3rd of April, and while that train was passing through a prairie state, John Burroughs died. He was buried on his birthday, the 3rd of April by the side of that old boulder upon which he had sat so many days and nights and washed his soul clean in the out-of-doors. As they buried and covered that old body with the earth which he knew and loved, I think of his last sentence, for just before he died on the train, he called his companion into the room and in the midnight hour said: 'How far are we from home?' Speeding, killing, crushing America, won't you stop and hesitate long enough to know this man? You need him!" ,

## PASTOR'S CALENDAR

Dr. Bradley kept the following engagements during July:

5—Address Tower, Minn.
20—Funeral, Frank G. Logan, Chicago
26—Left for Europe

## WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Rev. Henry Clark, assistant pastor officiating.

**Wedings**

July 17th, Joseph B. Kavanaugh and Helen Lillian Vance

July 22nd, Leon Pyra and Meta Compton

July 24th, James E. Kerrigan and Lillian Key

**Funerals**

July 10th, Dr. Carl Otto Bauth, Graceland, (Cremation)

July 22nd, Phoebe Lou Ferro, Rosehill

July 26th, Mrs. Lydia Nordquist Steele, Rosehill

Funeral—Dr. Bradley officiating, July 20th, Frank G. Logan. Interment Oakwoods.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Sitting alone in the little study that is surrounded by tall pines, through whose open door and windows I catch the sheen of the lake and hear the musical swish of the water gently lapping the rocks, I was making up the copy of the current number of The Liberalist this afternoon when the mail-boat came to our dock bringing me a cablegram from Dr. Bradley saying that he had arrived safely in Plymouth, England, at 6:30 p. m. today.

He will meet many old friends and make interesting new ones I am sure at the Congress of Religious Liberals in Oxford where he will attend the meetings this week —The little old, quaint town of Oxford seems a long way from the shores of Black Duck Island tonight.

The sad news reached me this week of the death of Dr. R. A. White, for over twenty-five years pastor of The Peoples Liberal Church of England—Dr. White's humanitarian work, will live long to honor his memory. One of the original directors of the Chicago Bureau of Charities and for many years president of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society. He also accomplished the founding of the Chicago Penny Savings Society which had as its aim, the teaching of thrift to school children. Dr. White was the founder of the Oakhaven Old Peoples Home, and this was perhaps one of his keenest interests to the last. Besides being one friend and a man whom we honored and had deep affection for, he held a special place in our hearts and life in-as-much as he was the minister who married us—He will be sadly missed by his many many friends.

Now that it is August we realize that weeks have passed on rapid wing and all too soon summer will draw to a close—Everyone should make the best of every day left of golden sunshine and

blue sky! Store up every bird-song and sunny hour to enjoy in memory when winter comes!

G. F. B.

## PRIZE POEM

Miss Adelaide Thomason, member of the Church and the Woman's Club received a prize for her poem submitted to the contest held by the Ninth District Federation of Woman's Clubs. We are proud that our club was thus honored and congratulate Miss Thomason—The poem follows:

### Life's Garden

In the graden of your life
May the lovely flowers bloom
Flowers gathered on the way
From the cradle to the tomb.

And in the beauteous garden
May you plant a blossom rare,
And call that blossom friendship
For those for whom you care.

And may the other blossoms
Of glorious hue and beauty
Bespeak the loveliness of life
That brings each day it's duty.

May warmth of cheer and sunshine,
Descending from above,
Bring to the garden of your life
The flowering of Love.

Love of all the beautiful,
Love of all the Good,
Love of all that speaks of Truth
To bring Man's Brotherhood.

A. M. T.

## ANNIVERSARY ADDRESSES

The foregoing addresses were made at the Jubilee Banquet given in honor of Dr. Bradley on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate in The Peoples Church.

### Dr. Curtis Reese

Director, Abraham Lincoln Center, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Chairman, Dr. and Mrs. Bradley, and Friends:

Dr. Bradley has been spoken of this evening as a Britisher, as a Scotchman, as an Irishman, as a Unitarian, and so forth. I am going to tell you what he really is! He is a citizen of humanity! The thing which is most characteristic of him, as I have noted during the past seventeen years of his ministry, since I have known him, is his deep and abiding concern for people as people, irrespective of race, creed, color, nationality or political opinion!

There are two points which I want to mention very briefly. First, the significance of this occasion in refuting a magazine article which I read a few years ago concerning the attitude of Chicago congregations toward their preachers. I always like to have any article or book refuted by anything which can refute it. I fear all sorts of dogmatisms and love the quest for uncertainty. Well, this particular article I have in mind stated that Chicago had the reputation of martyring its ministers, and it mentioned the names of a number of individuals who left the cities pulpits in order to go elsewhere, especially to New York City where their services were more fully appreciated. Yet here is a vast congregation gathered in this place to pay genuine tribute to this man who, through twenty-five years from small beginnings, has reached the pinnacle upon which he now stands. Chicago does have people who honor and respect those men in the pulpits of this city, who have made worthy achievements!

The second point I wish to call to your attention, judging from this meeting, is that it demonstrates conclusively that it is possible to build a great liberal Church in Chicago. I have during the course of my year in my own field of endeavor seen many struggling small churches all over this land of ours, so that it is a source of great joy to me to behold a large, powerful, successful Liberal Church, such as Dr. Preston Bradley has been able to

create. The trouble with so many Liberal Churches, as well as with so many other kinds of churches, is that they are a good deal like a certain church down in Georgia. The report sent in by its Board of Directors to the members of that association started out something like this: "Number of conversions —none; number of additional members—none; number of marriages—none; number of births —none; money raised from foreign missions—none." then it closed with some such words as these: "Brethern, pray the Lord to help us hold our own during the next associational year!" I much prefer that type of church organization which pass this kind of a resolution: "Resolved, first, that the earth is the Lords' and the fullness thereof; resolved, second, that the Lords' people are the Lords' heirs; and resolved, third, that we are the Lords' people." There is something of that spirit, I believe, in the Peoples' Church of Chicago and in its great pastor! One other point and I am finished. I think that which really accounts for the greatness of this Church and for the influence of Dr. Bradley in this city and throughout this nation is due to the fact that he believes genuinely in the significance of preaching as such! As important as is the work of the Board of Trustees of the Peoples Church, as important as the other officers and directors of the institution are, as important as the very services performed by the Church itself, nevertheless the thing which is of supreme importance in the building of a great congregation is the work performed at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning in the pulpit by a minister who **takes preaching seriously!**

I suppose Dr. Bradley at various times must have felt somewhat as did the old Virginia divine who one Sunday morning, at the beginning of his sermon, said to the members of his congregation: "I can't preach! I have never preached! Nor have I ever heard anyone who really could preach!" He might have well added: "nobody will ever really preach! One can only try!" It is one who believes in the significance of the spoken word with profound conviction who builds a powerful church today as in days gone by! I salute you, Dr. Bradley, as a friend of humanity....as a citizen of the world! !

**Hon. Judge John P. McGoorty**

Acting head, Superior Court, Law, Department, City of Chicago.

Mr. Toastmaster, Dr. and Mrs. Bradley, Ladies and Gentlemen:

First I want to extend felicitations and congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Bradley. Our hearts are filled with joy tonight, and one of the evidences of greatness is when different countries and different races claim a genius as their own. This evening, the British Counsul-General has claimed Preston Bradley of Chicago as an Englishman. (I was delighted to hear how he and his Mother enjoyed listening to Bradley preach over in England—and which one of us who has ever heard him hasn't enjoyed his preaching!) But I would like to respectfully suggest to the British Consul-General that it isn't the first time Englishmen have been thrilled by Irish eloquence!

I have heard Rabbi Mann give his benediction in Hebrew. I thought (seeing as how I believe I have heard Dr. Bradley boast a little on more than one occasion of his Irish ancestry,) that it might, therefore, not be out of place (even if what I say does follow immediately after the remarks of the Consul-General) if I delivered a salutation in Irish to Dr. and Mrs. Bradley on this occasion. Here we are, the happiest group in all the city of Chicago, our hearts just singing with joy, and so we see our honored guests coming over the first eminence: just a silver light breaking over the horizon, with the shafts com-

ing toward the zenith and pointing the way to the second eminence twenty-five years hence: so I would like to quote this Irish welcome on your behalf and mine:"

...."A hundred thousand Irish welcomes!"

Although the son of Irish ancestry, may I say as an American, and as a Chicagoan, that I, too, wish to pay tribute to Dr. Bradley's courage which has already been referred to this evening. While I love him in all of his moods, with his continual and delightful play of wit and humor, to me he rises to the greatest heights of grandeur when his indignation is aroused by stories of wrong and persecution. Then it is that the militant parson, the great religious and civic leader, Dr. Preston Bradley shows forth in all his glory as the man whom we all love. May God Bless him and Mrs. Bradley!

**Mrs. Preston Bradley**

Mr. Toastmaster and our Beloved Friends:

It has been with a great deal of interest, I assure you, that I have listened to every word which has been said this evening, little dreaming that I should be called upon to stand here and give expression to the thoughts which are deep in my heart. I did not think that I would be asked to put into words that which is hard to express. Now I am wondering what words there are left for me. What can I say after listening to all of these wonderful addresses, to all these very precious expressions of friendship and appreciation which these, our friends, have brought this evening for this man whom you all have come to honor?

It is perhaps the greatest occasion thus far in our lives, next to our wedding day, and we have felt somewhat today as though it were another wedding day, for it has been so full of excitement, and happiness and surprises. Dr. Bradley has been claimed tonight by all of you. He has been British and Irish and Scotch and so many other things, but to all of us he has been a friend. I have had the very great privilege, the blessed privilege, of being his companion. These twenty-five years up the hill of life along the pathway of the years we have walked together in this work which has been so dear and so close to us.

I alone, I am sure, know truly of the struggles, the hardships, the disappointments, the heartaches which he has had to experience; but never has there been any sign of discouragement, never has there been in him the slightest tendency to turn back on that road and go down the hill. Steadily and with courage has he gone on....ever climbing upward.... ever with his face toward the stars. I am sure that if every one whose life he has touched with inspiration—those to whom he has given courage when they most needed it, those to whom he has blessed with happiness, those whom he has led toward spiritual upliftment and to whom he gave something for which they had been hungering all their lives—were to send him a rose on this night of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate, and if all these single roses were brought into this huge auditorium where we are assembled together, this room would be so packed with roses from floor to ceiling, and from one side to the other that it would be scarcely able to contain them all and we would at the same time be smothered under the avalanche of loving tokens.

I wish that I could give him a token expressing all that he has been to me, but that is impossible. On this night of nights I light a candle in the most sacred place of my heart and give thanks, and express gratitude to God for giving us Preston Bradley. We have come up the hill and reached the top during these twenty-five years of climbing—and we have watched the silver dawn of day and there we stand at the crossroads! God grant he may walk on, keep-

ing to that path with the same courage, with the same fortitude, with the same ideals, with the same simplicity, with the same beauty of spirit and grandeur of soul which he has had from the very beginning, until he reaches the golden sunset! And then may he receive the tribute and the gratitude which will be due him for work well done!

As his wife I can not express my personal feelings or the tribute that is in my heart to give, but I thank you all—each—and every one of you—for the kindness, the love, the gratitude, the loyalty and the friendship that has emanated from your hearts in your being here tonight!

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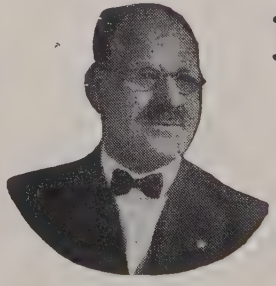

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